

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL PULINSKI
AND STEPHANIE URBANCZYK ON
THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVER-
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HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Daniel B. Pulinski and Mrs. Stephanie M. Urbanczyk, lifelong residents of Lackawanna, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was wed on August 10, 1963 in a ceremony at St. Michael's Church, now Queen of Angels, in Lackawanna, New York.

Daniel attended St. Barbara's elementary school and St. Francis High School, after which he nobly enlisted in the United States Army. After his service, he worked in the Bethlehem Steel plant, rising through the ranks to become a foreman. A dedicated family man, Daniel worked several more jobs to support his wife and children after the plant closed. He retired after working as a custodian in the auto tech division of Erie Community College.

Stephanie attended St. Michael's elementary school and Lackawanna High School. After completing her education, she became a secretary for a Buffalo insurance company. While starting a family, she became a stay-at-home mother for a few years, returning to work at Hills Department Store. The store became Ames, where she rose to the position of Manager. Stephanie continues to work to this day, currently at Dollar General.

Daniel and Stephanie raised four children together, Anita, Ronald, Denise, and Daniel. They are grandparents to eight beautiful grandchildren: Stephanie, Alanna, James, Rebecca, Danielle, Brandon, Nicholas, and Matthew.

The couple enjoys spending family time with their grandchildren and traveling across the globe with their many friends. They continue to reside in Lackawanna, and are still active in Queen of Angels Church and the Buffalo Polish community.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to offer my sincerest congratulations to Daniel, Stephanie, and their family on this most joyous occasion. I ask my colleagues to join me to acknowledge their commitment to each other as they celebrate their Golden Anniversary, and offer our best wishes for continued happiness.

TRIBUTE ON THE 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS.
ANDREW SEWELL

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

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Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute on the

occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of Andrew and Nancy Sewell, my beloved parents who celebrated this special event on July 2, 2013. This phenomenal couple celebrates love, marriage and family on this momentous occasion that began on June 15, 1963. They instilled family values to so many others as well to me. This golden wedding anniversary is a special day and it marks a half of a century of commitment and love for one another. We honor this milestone of marriage and a life well lived together.

Their love story begins with the attraction of an outstanding football player in college who was Captain of the team to his beautiful classmate Nancy. My father says lovingly that my mother met him on the steps of the library and that she barely gave him the time of day. He remembers being drawn to her outer beauty as well as inner beauty noting her friendly spirit. He also said that she was studious. My mother recalls that my father was "the jock of the campus" and especially remembers that he was athletic and gregarious.

After graduating college, their romance blossomed in the summer of 1961 when Andrew was recruited as the Head Coach for Council Training School in Huntsville, Alabama. His future bride was already employed at the school as the Head Librarian. When Andrew saw Nancy in the Library on the school tour before he signed the contract he immediately knew that he wanted to work there telling the principal yes, he would take the job!

The romance led to a Valentine's Day marriage proposal in 1962 as Andrew asked for Nancy's hand in marriage at the Old American Legion Club in Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to the proposal as was custom, my father asked permission for my mother's hand in marriage from my grandfather, Reverend Tom Gardner, Jr. of Lowndes County, Alabama. This tradition of respect for elders in our family continues today. The Gardner family is a family of Christian religious leaders and this value of spirituality permeates our family life as my father is Catholic and my mother is Methodist.

For 50 years, this exceptional couple has built a life of love together. They were married on June 15, 1956 and have served as a pillar to the communities where they have lived. Their first home was in Huntsville, Alabama and my mother was the Head Librarian and my father was the Head Coach for Council Training School. Their leadership, values, commitment to community, work, and family are demonstrable through their actions and accomplishments.

As first born child of my parents, I am pleased to say that while Coach Sewell wanted a future football player, he was thrilled with the addition of his "cheerleader" on New Year's Day in 1965. During this time my father was recruited to return to his beloved R. B. Hudson High School as Head Basketball Coach and Assistance Football, Track and Baseball Coach. Nancy became the Assistant Librarian and history teacher at R. B. Hudson High School.

Life continued to blossom as my parents became the parents of twins on July 21, 1967.

My parents encouraged and supported their children to maximize their potential, to achieve excellence, to have a strong work ethic and to be a blessing to others. My parents have often said that to those who are blessed it is their obligation to be a blessing to others. Through their inspiration, motivation, prayers, and strength my brothers are college level athletic coaches and I am serving my 2nd term in Congress as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. They cherish three beautiful grandchildren: Neshambia, Taylor and Carter. Neshambia is a sophomore at the University of Alabama, Taylor will be in 6th grade and Carter will be in 3rd grade this year.

Andrew and Nancy Sewell continue to be excellent role models that lead by example. They reach out to family, friends and community teaching their children and now grandchildren the importance of doing the same. This becomes part of the fabric of our lives, interwoven into who the children are and what they will become. Families work together to solve problems, and they believe in the importance of passing their values and skills on to the next generation.

Andrew's successful and productive career as a Coach continued for 33 years in Huntsville and Selma, Alabama. Nancy, in addition to being Head Librarian in the school system, she was the first African-American woman elected to the Selma City Council, serving 12 years; the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) South Eastern Regional Director for 4 years; and AKA International Secretary for 4 years.

Marriage is a bond that lasts a lifetime. For my parents it is based on a foundation of love, spiritual belief, common goals and family values. Their love story nourishes one in understanding that this sacred union brought together their hearts, minds and souls. The laughter, love and joy continue today as we acknowledge with a grateful heart the 50th Wedding Anniversary of my parents, Andrew and Nancy Sewell.

On behalf of the State of Alabama, and this nation, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the Golden Anniversary of my parents who are extraordinary Americans and Alabama treasures!

HONORING CHIEF TODD HOUE'S
RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cherry Valley Police Chief Todd M. Houde, and to recognize his service to the Cherry Valley community.

Chief Houde began his career in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office in 1981 after graduating from Memphis State University with a degree in criminal justice. He became a full-

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